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Interview Summary Under 37 C.F.R. 1.133(b) and Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed on June 24, 2003, please enter the following interview summary and amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraphs beginning at p. 1, before line 5; p. 25, line 19; and p. 26, line 12, as indicated in the attached replacement specification paragraph sheets.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 29 and 31, amend claims 21, 28, 30 and 32, and add new claims 34-41, as indicated in the attached claim sheets.

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I hereby certify that this pap ir (along with any referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being facsimile transmitted to Examiner Z. El Arini, Art Unit 1746, Fax No. (703) 872-9310, on the date entered below.

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Summary of September 2, 2003 Telephon Interview with Examiner El-Arini

The substance of independent claims 21, 28, and 30 was discussed in view of Shortes et al. (U.S. Patent No. 4,027,686) and Bryer et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,432,214). A proposal to have the claims recite that the angle spray nozzles are directed to clean leading and trailing faces or corners of boxes held on the rotor was discussed, to distinguish the claims from the Shortes et al. patent. A proposal to amend the claims to describe that the angle spray nozzles are directed toward or away from the direction of rotation of the rotor (i.e., not toward the spin axis of the rotor), or toward upward or downward facing box surfaces was also discussed. No agreement was reached.